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SUBJECT: R/V GYRE CLEARANCE REQUEST, 24 MAR - 7 APR 1978

1. R/V GYRE, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH CRUISE IN MEXICAN WATERS. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO SAMPLE, AND DESCRIBE, THE TEMPERATURE AND CHEMICAL STRUCTURE OF THE WATERS OF THE WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO. ALSO, THE RESEARCHERS WILL INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF A WESTERN BOUNDARY CURRENT IN THE GULF. SAMPLES OF WATER FROM SURFACE TO DEPT., AND MEASUREMENTS OF TEMPERATURE WILL BE MADE USING STD'S AND NANSEN BOTTLES.

2. AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THIS CRUISE THE MEXICAN RESEARCH VESSEL, "H-20", IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT A SIMILAR CRUISE THIS SUMMER, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER GYRE CRUISE IN THE FALL. COMMANDER ALBERTO VAZQUEZ OF THE MEXICAN HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE HAS BEEN COLLABORATING IN THE PLANNING FOR THIS PROJECT; ALSO, TWO MEXICAN STUDENTS AT TEXAS A AND M,  
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ARTEMIO GALLEGOS AND FRANCISCO RUIZ RENTERIA, WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE RESEARCH. BEGIN FYI: THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY WITH LESS THAN DESIRABLE LEAD-TIME BECAUSE OF THE APPARENT MEXICAN INTEREST IN CONDUCTING THE RESEARCH. IF THE EMBASSY

DETERMINES THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE, THEN THERE IS NO NEED

TO PROCESS THE REQUEST, ESPECIALLY IF BY DOING SO THE GOOD RAPPORT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH THE GOM ON CLEARANCES IS UPSET. END FYI.

3. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. WORTH D. NOWLIN, JR. OF TEXAS A AND M UNIVERSITY, WITH A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 18. THREE BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED.

4. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS DON ARMAND WITH A CREW OF 11. GYRE IS 295 GROSS TONS, 53 M LONG, WITH A DRAFT OF 3M. RADIO CALL SIGN IS KJCL. SHIP MONITORS EMERGENCY RADIO FREQUENCIES.

5. A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING PLOTTED WHICH SHOWS THE RESEARCH AREA. THE SHIP WILL APPROACH 1 MILE OF THE MEXICAN COAST. NO PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED AND THE CRUISE WILL BEGIN AND TERMINATE AT GALVESTON, TEXAS.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED, AFTER CONSIDERING PARA 1, TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V GYRE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MEXICAN WATERS DURING PERIOD 24 MAR - 7 APR 1978. VANCE

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